

Ephesians 4:2 (Exegetical)

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With all humility and meekness with

μετὰ πάσης ταπεινοφροσύνης καὶ πραΰτητος μετὰ

longsuffering forbearing one another

μακροθυμίας ἀνεχόμενοι ἀλλήλων

(PMP n.m.pl. of ἀνέχομαι)

in love.

ἐν ἀγάπῃ

EPHESIANS 4:1, 2 (Exegetical)

Paul used the word “ἔχω” in verse one without being proud, egoistical, or braggadocios. Paul has confidence! Poise! Dogmatism! This personal pronoun speaks of Paul’s spiritual advance. He is Royalty and has assurance. He is a prisoner in Rome waiting trial, knowing that he not a Roman prisoner but a prisoner of the LJC. Note the words used here:

Oun – οὖν inferential particle – THEREFORE – Paul has been, and is suffering, but is not crying or whining. He is saying, “I belong to JC and proud to be where I am.” HOW REFRESHING THIS IS!!!

1. This verse introduces the characteristics of the victorious life, the EZ Life which amplifies and encourages all believers to fulfill the content of vs.1 that is “*to WALK WORTHILY OF THE CALLING.*” Walk in such a manner that reveals the believer position in life.
2. “meta – μετὰ” a prep. – presents association with or accompaniment.
3. “meta – μετὰ” with the gen. – always means association – meta plus the acc. means “after”

Ephesians 4:2 (Exegetical) (Continued)

4. This same prep combines verbs to form compounds – μετὰ νοέω is an example – which is translated REPENT “change the thinking” and NOT EMOTION! Another example is; μετὰ Τιθημι – tithemi = to place or put – meta = with vb. it means to change – “TO TRANSFER” another word μετὰ μορφωω to change form or to be transfigured.
5. Here we have: “with all lowliness (humility)” μετὰ plus the gen. of πας plus gen. noun τα πεινο φρο συ νη
Note here: *ta peinos* means low – humble.
Then the verb – *phroneo* = to think objectively which means a mental attitude of objectivity – orientation to GRACE – THE VICTORIOUS LIFE – REACHING GOD’S MOUNTAIN PEAK – which shows the normal attitude of royalty while residing on the peak of God’s GRACE mountain.
6. This word means to be associated with objective grace thinking as a member of royalty.
7. The next word is MEEKNESS – πραΰτης – gen. s = gentleness – kindness or friendliness. No rudeness – the opposite of anger or cruelty. Therefore the word prautes means courtesy, and consider-ness = TRUE SENSITIVITY.
8. “WITH LONGSUFFERING” μετὰ μακρο θυμια = patience – tolerance of others. THE EZ LIFE IS OBJECTIVE, CONSIDERATE AND PATIENT.
9. “FORBEARING” PMP of αν εχομαι = to put up with things not pleasant – to endure – to restrain self. An iterative present – that which occurs at successive intervals – repeated action – subj. produces action – temporal participle = keeps enduring.
“ONE ANOTHER” gen.pl of allelon – ἀλληλων ἄλλος = means one another of the same kind – believers “IN LOVE.” This is the locative of *sphere*, meaning *in the sphere of relaxed attitude functioning*.

Repeat: “I therefore the prisoner of the Lord, keep on encouraging you to walk in a manner worthy of your calling (Royal Family status) unto which you have been called, associated with objective thinking of Royalty and courteous considerateness, and with patience toward the antagonistic, putting up with one another of the same kind (Royal Family members) in the sphere of Love.”